

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 291

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr.,  
and others relative to the annual allowance for widows and widowers  
of certain public employees. Public Service.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	Pamela P. Resor
Susan W. Pope	Colleen M. Garry
Anne M. Paulsen	Robert P. Spellane
Virato Manuel deMacedo	Thomas J. O'Brien
Elizabeth A. Poirier	Marian Walsh
Joyce A. Spiliotis	Michael W. Morrissey
Mark V. Falzone	Thomas M. McGee
Paul J. Donato	Brian Paul Golden
Thomas P. Kennedy	

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL ALLOWANCE FOR WIDOWS AND  
WIDOWERS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Subdivision (2) of section 12 of chapter 32 of the  
2     General Laws, as most recently amended by section 77 of  
3     chapter 149 of the acts of 2004, is hereby amended, by inserting,  
4     after the tenth paragraph, under option (d) the following para-  
5     graph:—  
6     Beginning July 1, 2005, the normal monthly member-survivor  
7     allowance provided for under this option to a spouse of a deceased  
8     member shall not be less than \$500 for members of the state  
9     teachers' and state employees' retirement system. The provisions  
10    of this paragraph shall take effect for the members of a retirement  
11    system of any other political subdivision by a majority vote of the

12 board of such system and by the local legislative body. For the  
13 purpose of this paragraph, local legislative body shall mean a  
14 town meeting for a town system, the city council subject to the  
15 provisions of its charter for a city system, the county retirement  
16 board advisory council for a county system, the regional retire-  
17 ment board advisory council for a regional system, the district  
18 members for a district system and the governing body of an  
19 authority for an authority system. Acceptance shall be deemed to  
20 have occurred upon the filing of a certification of such vote with  
21 the commission.

1 SECTION 2. Section 12 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by section 77 of chapter 149 of the acts of  
3 2004, is hereby amended by inserting in the tenth paragraph,  
4 under option (d), after the words “two hundred and fifty dollars a  
5 month” the following words:— or \$500 a month, whichever is  
6 applicable to such spouse.